

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 29, 1900

JUDGED by the proceedings of the immense pro-Boer meetings in many of the large cities of the country, the feeling of the people of the United States like that of all other countries, is against the President's new ally, Great Britain, in her unprovoked war upon the white people of South Africa. The Boers went into a far country and made their homes there, and if gold and diamonds had not been found there, they would not have been molested. They had as much right to prescribe the qualifications for citizenship in Pretoria as the United States have to prescribe them for Alaska, and to shoot them and destroy their property are no more justifiable than would be an attempt made by England to force the United States to confer immediate citizenship upon Englisha, en in Skaguay,

SOME PLOPLE after reading the "Jim Crow" law, published in the Gazette last Saturday, say it does not apply to the electric railroad between this city and Washington. If such were the intention of the law makers, they are very "loose and careless" in the performance of their work. The law says that all railroads in the State run by steam shall provide separate cars for white and colored passengers; but it also provides, in the same section, that all railroads in the State shall do the same. Electric roads are unquestionably included in 'all' railroads, and if they are to be exempt from the law, it should certainly be so amended.

As IT WOULD be silly to suppose the legislature of Virginia would be wise enough to provide for a restoration of the viva voce system of voting, the next best way by which the professed want of a free vote and a fair count can be obtained, is to make the payment of the capitation tax a prerequisite to the exercise of the privilege of suffrage. Whether the legislature will be wise enough to do that, will be decided this week. Few intelligent and well informed people suppose it will be.

STATE CONVENTIONS are not only expensive but dangerous, and therefore should be avoided if possible-certainly in Virginia. That the present constitution of the State is objectionable in many particulars, few intelligent Vir ginians deny, but it is within the power of the legislature, and the voters, to remedy the evils without subjecting the taxpavers to extra burdens, and without inciting every State officeholder to oppose the party that supports the convention.

WITH A demand for a hundred thousand more men for the South African war, and the increasing danger of European intervention, the English people are realizing, to their sorrow, the folly of which they were guilty in allowing their jingoes to lead them into an entirely unbonessary war; one that would reflect no honer upon them, if successful, and that if prolonged or unsuccessful, would be not only injurious. but positively disgraceful.

TRIPS TO Richmond at the State's expense may be very agreeable to the sheriffs and deputies, but in the aggregate they are very expensive, and as the present system, by which convicts are carried to Richmond by penitentiary guards sent after them, is economical, and has worked satisfactorily in every instance, it had better be continued. The State is in no condition now to be spending money needlessly on any thing.

THE GRAND LODGE of Mesons of Michigan, in reply to an application for the recognition of a negro lodge in that State, says "it is not possible for it to order or consent to affiliation or recognition of colored lodges." North, as well as South, the irrepressible race coeffict continues, and will do so just as long as both races live together, under equal laws.

FROM WASHINGTON. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gasette.]

Washington, January 29. By direction of the President, General Otis will issue a proclamation within the next thirty days declaring the Filipino insurrection at an end and offering amnesty to all insurgents who lay down their arms. They will be given sixty days in which to do this and after that time they will be treated as bandits.

The Senate elections committee has decided not to take testimony in the case of Senator Scott, of West Virginia. This is construed by Mr. Scott's friends as a victory for him.

People from Mr. Marshall McCormick's district, here today, say his ill-ness results from Bright's disease, and that intelligence from the Northern hospital in which he is being treated is

mot favorable to his recovery, Mr. Bryan left for the North again yesterday evening. He is more than eased with his visit to the East and says his party is in excellent condition and much stronger than it was three

years ago.

Nothing has been received at the State Department this morning conceroing the reported death of Kwang o'clock tomorrow morning. Su, Emperor of China. State Depart-will continue five days.

ment officials believe that the reports are probably untrue, as Minister Congre certainly would acquaint his goveroment with the news of such an important happening.

The House committee on mileage this The House committee on mileage this morning had up the question of paying B. H. Roberts, of Utah, his mileage from Salt Lake City to Washington and back. The amount involved is over \$1.000. Pecision was reserved until next Thursday because of diversity of opinion that has arisen in committee on the subject. The m jority of the committee believe that Roberts having been excluded from the House and thus danied the right of becoming a member of the House is not ed from the House and thus denied the right of becoming a member of the House is not entitled to milesge. There is a minority, however, that holds that the statutes recognize members of Congress elect as being entitled to both salary and mileage, and therefore contands that Foberts should be paid the sum involved. He has been asked to argue the case before the committee Thursday.

The hearing in the Senator Clark bribery case was resumed this morning. Ed. V.

case was resumed this morning. Ed. V. Moore, a member of the lower house of the Montana legislature, testified that he was elected as a silver republican on the fusion ticket and voted for Clark after the eleventh allot but insisted that he received no money hallot, but insisted that he received no money for so doing. George L. Ramsey, cashier of the Union Bank & Trust Co, of Helena, cestified that the bank kept a record of \$1,000 bills passing through the bank, but did not begin this practice until January 10, 1899, the day after the exposure. He said the practice was begun because of the great number of \$1,000 bills that were passing through the bank at that time.

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Resa Admiral Schley reported to the Navy Department today from Ensenada, Argentine Republic, that the bubonic piague was opi-demic at that place and Rosario, 190 miles in-land, and that the squadron had been order-

land, and that the squadron had been ordered to Montevideo, Uraguay.

Among the nominations the President today sent to the Senate were Edwin N. Gunsulus, of Ohio, to be censul of the United States at Pernambuco, Prazil, and William H Mosby to be postmaster at Bedford, Va. Also a number of nominations for appointment and promotion in the regular and volunteer army of the United States.

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In the House today Mr Rixey introduced a till for the relief of John Compher of Loudone county for \$1,500, for supplies taken during the war between the States; also a bill for the relief of Mrs. Rebecca Tolson of Cifton, Fairfax county, widow of Donglass Tolson, a soldier in the Mexican war, to increase her pension from \$8 to \$30 per month; a bill for the relief of W. J. Topp & Co. to refund to the same the sum of \$240 10 on account of duties erroneously exacted on cercount of duties erroneously exacted on cer-tain machinery for the manufacture of jute at Louisville, Ky., in 1876. Mr. Topp now lives in Culpeper county. Mr. Rixey also introduced a bill for the relief of Henry M Sm th of Loudoun county, for property taken during the war between the States, to the amount of \$1,900.

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In the Senate today Mr. Daviel introduced a bill to pay the heirs of the late Dr Bailey shumste of Fadquier county, \$1,500; John Johns of Appointtox county, \$300, and William Poliock of Stafford county, \$69,217 all of Virginia and all for property taken or destroyed by the federal army during the

war between the 8 ates.

It is reported at the Capitol polary that
Mesers, Jefferies of Culpeper and Moore of
Fairfax counties will be candidates for attor-

ney general of Virginia.

The sub-committee of the House claim The sub-committee of the House claims committee, to whom the bill for the relief of the widow of the late W W. Ashby, U. S. consul at Colon, was referred, agreed to report it favorably this morning.

A delegation from Atlant, Ga., is here in the interest of a project to have the government catablish a military park at that place.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The Senate committee on Puerto Rico unanimously decided to christen the sland "Porto Rico."

Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambas ador, it is expected, will withdraw rom service in this country in April. The election of 99 French Senators

esterday resulted in a rout for the na ionalists, who elected but three of their 30 candidates. Admiral Watson has established and

garrisoned a coaling station on Basilan d in the couthern portion of Philippine group. Republican members of Congress will

lecide this week whether a river and harbor appropriation bill is to be intro-Mrs. Fred Reed, of Boonton, N. J.

yesterday found her runaway husband near Middletown, N. Y., and then made the discovery for the first time that she was a stepmother.

President McKinley has relegated the Pailippine church property question-one that may be considered embarrassins on the eve of a presidential election-to his commission for settlement.

Rev. B. F. Rattroy, a Baptist clergy man of Hyattsville, Md., created some-thing of a sensation at that place yeserday by making an entertainment to be given under the auspices of another denomination the subject of an attack from the pulpit.

Governor Wells has issued a proclamation calling a special election to be neld on April 2 to fill the vacancy in Utah's congressional terrorical Utah's congressional representation caused by the action of Congress in recaused by the action of Congress in re-fusing to seah Brigham H. Roberts, Major R. W. Young, a grandson of Brigham Young, and who is a graduate of West Point, and who now holds the position of associate lastice of the su-preme court in the Philippines, is the favorite candidate of the democrate. He is a monogamist and also a Mor-mon, but is very lib ral in his views.

# TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The first snow now lies on the ground at The first snow now lies on the ground at Fort Worth, Tex. Reports from the requirement of the region of the region of the region of the result of the result

A boom has been stared in Columbus, Ohio for John B. McLenn for the chairmanship of the national democratic committee. W. J. Bryan looks on McLean with favor for that position, it is claimed. Chairmen J. K. Jones is willing to step aside if Bryan asks him, it is averred.

When the case of Roland B. Molineux was called in New York this morning, Recorder Goff announced that owing to the condition of Juror Brown, who is suffering with rheu-matism, the trial would be further postponed until next Thursday.

The explosion of a gun on the U. S. gun-boat Wheeling, at Hong Kong, while firing a sainte in honor of the German emperor's tirthday, caused the death of two gunners and the serious injury of Lieut. Beatty and two gun-

John Jackson, a railroad detective, shot and fatally wounded at Holden, Mo, this moraing, by one of four alleged bandits who made an abortive attempt to hold up a Missouri Pacific train.

The strike which has been in progress since January 21 on the Troy, N. Y., street car ines was settled this morning through mutual concessions.

A steamship whose identity is nuknown is reported ashore at New Inlet, N. C. Life savers from the New Inlet station have gone Judge Kohlsaat, of the U. S. District Court in Chicago, this morning declared the Illinois anti-trust law to be unconstitutional.

A bligzard, with deep snow, prevails in many parts of New York. A gale is sweep-ing the New England coast. A Catholic newspaper says that Archbishop Corrigan is to be made a cardinal soon.

The Chinese New Year will begin at one o'clock tomorrow morning and the c

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Anna Willard, wife of Dr. Jac. Willard, died on Friday at Lovettsville, Loudoun county.

It is stated that Mr. Andrew Monte. gue, attorney general of the State, will be a candidate for governor of Virginia in the next campaign. Major Julian J. Mason, for many

years a leading lawyer at the King George bar, bas gone to the Soldiers' Home at Richmond. He has been in failing health for several years. Dogs have been playing havoc with sheep in some neighborhoods in King

George county again of late, and there seems to be no remedy for the sly canines do their destructive work in the night time. Dr. R. W. Martin, president of the Virginia Medical Examining Board,

has announced that the next examina-

tions will be held in Lynchburg, be-

ginning June 26, and continuing through the 27th and 28. Tre Harrisonburg News says: "There is destined to be a heavy emigration from Canada to Virginia this year. The advance couriers are already in this county, and it is quite useless to say that they are charmed by what they

have seen since here." A number of people in the southern portion of Shenandoah county have announced their intention of disposing of their effects and removing to the far Northwest during the coming spring. The Woodstock section of the county has already contributed a large number of settlers to the Dakotas,

There is the strongest lobby at the State Capitol that has been there for years fighting against the Seaboard bill for a charter to run a road to Washington. The lobby includes men of prom irence in the State who are interested in behalf of the Richmond, Fredericks-burg and Potomac and the Atlantic

Coast Line to deleat any competition. General Miles, of the army, and party of army officers strived at Lin-Warren county, on Saturday to in spect the new rapid-fire gun recently invented by Mr. Cullum, of Warren Sulphur Springs. It is stated to be the purpose to locate a permanent govern-

Maj. Thomas A. Brander, a well known ex-Confederate officer and a prominent figure in all Confederate day. He was sixty years old and a native of Richmond, where he had spent all his life, having been engaged in business both before and since the war. He was commander of the Virginia Division, U. C. V., with the rank of mejor general; past commander of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, C. V., and past commander of the grand camp of Vir ginia.

The Seaboard syndicate has won an other victory, and now everything is favorable to the plan of consolidation. A telegram from Macon, Ga., says tha Judge Speer, sitting in the United States Court in that city, on Saturday rendered his decision in the suit asking for an injunction to prevent the Georgia and Alabama railway from consolidating with the Florida Central and Peninsula railroad, Judge Speer refused to grant the injunction and promptly dismissed the injunction proeedings. The Seaboard people and their many friends are greatly pleased with the decision, which they expect would be just what it was. All the points were decided in favor of the Ses-

## THE WAR IN AFRICA.

General Warren, with his British army division, originally numbering about 16,000 troops, has been forced to retreat south of the Tugela river, Natal. A dispatch from the Boer head laager near Ladysmith, states that the British left 1,500 dead on the battlefield Wednesday, the day of the fighting at Spion

The news of General Warren's re treat comes in an official dispatch from General Buller, commander-in-chief in Natal, sent from his headquarters a Spearman's Camp at 6:10 p. m. Saturday and made public by the London War Office last night for the first time.

Perhaps the remainder of General Buller's army, which was north of the Tugela, has also retreated. The General's dispatch ays he decided to withdraw "the force" to the south side. This apparently refers only to Warren's division, but is construed in some quarters in London to mean Buller's entire

It is believed in London that if the remaining troops under Buller have not retreated already they must do so

General Buller, it is also stated, will probably try to lorce his way to Lady-smith by another route. He has tried the central and western routes and the only one left open seems to be the one east of Colenso, by way of Weenen A change of plans like this would

propably involve a delay of at least two weeks. In the meantime Ladysmit! might be forced to surrender. An opicion held in London is the Beneral White, at Ladysmith, will fire

off all his ammunition, blow up his can on, break his rifles and then walk ou and surrender to the Boers. The dispatches from correspondents with the British army give no estimates

of the losses in the fighting. The Boer statement that 1,500 were left dead on the bat lefield Wednesday, it is said in London, may include the wounded The Baer account of the Spion kop

battle intituates that the British really surprised the Boers when they ascended the koh and occupied one of its ridges. The British also intrenched themselves hurriedly, but the Boers advanced on the trenches and after a desperate fight caused the British to abandon the position. "Many Boers were shot," says the dispatch, but it says the dispatch, but it gives no figures.

Dispatches from Spearman's camp give the British account of the fight which go to confirm the generally accepted belief that the whole sffair was a Boer trap. They state that "the Boers had the ranges fixed to a nicety" and that their first volley "mo-mentarily stategered the British." The resistance of the small force of Boers who retreated from the position into which General Warren advanced is d scribed as "disspirited."
The failure of General Warren's

movement must have been a great sur-prise to General Buller. In an order to his troops at the beginning of the movement he used these words: "Our generals will be given only one order, ahely; advance. There will be no tuining back."

farliament will meet Tuesday and

# THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE.

The constitutional convention bill was made the special order in the Senate for next Friday.

Senator Walker offered a joint resc lution, which was referred, to appoint a committee to confer with a similar body from the Maryland legislature to investigate and report upon the Mary-land-Virginia boundary line question.

When the House bill amending section 2229 of the Code came up Mr. McIlwaine stated that the law simply required that marriage licenses should state whether parties obtaining license have been divorced. Mr. McIlwaine stated that the churches of many minsters did not allow divorced persons to marry, and that for this reason it was desirable that the license show whether the parties, or either of them, had been divorced. The bill was passed.

The following House bills

To incorporate the town of Round Hill, in Loudoun county. In relation to contingent right

dower of a married woman.

To prescribe weight of a bushel of apples, and the size of barrels to be used

in packing and shipping the same. A large number of Senate bills came up on their second reading, and were ordered to their engrossment, but none

Mr. Barksdale's bill to prevent the corrupt use of money in elections was made the special order for Tuesday, February 6.

### HOUSE.

The Parks employer's libility bill was made the special order for Friday. The measure was favorably reported by the committee on courts by nearly an unanimous vote. Mr. Pilcner, who has for several sessions fought all legis lation attempted along this line, opposed the consideration of the act in the absence of so many members. He lead a fillibuster movement and won, the bill being passed by and made the special order for Friday at 1 o'clock.

Colonel Anderson's bill amending the land-grabbers' act, was made a special and continuing order for Wednesday. ment rifle range in the vicinity of Captain Parks introduced a bill pro-Massnutten mountain, near Strasburg., viding that the Auditor of Public Accounts, the second auditor and treasurer of the State shall constitute a board and shall appoint for each city or cor celebrations in Richmond died yester- poration of over 5,000 population a commissioner of valuation, who shall hold office for five years, and shall make a valuation and report to the commissioners of revenue all personal property and incomes. The commissioners hall receive one-twelfth of 1 per cent. on values assessed, and shall have the

> give bond of \$10,000. Bills were introduced to amend section 2298 of the code in relation to the remedies for or against married women. Providing for the examination of the accounts of State officers, etc.
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> The followidg bills, under suspension

power to appoint deputies. They shall

of the rules, were placed on the calen dar.

To repeal section 8 of an act in rela-

ion to making and keeping in repair the roads and bridges in Alexandria coun To amend and re-enact section 3804

of the code in relation to sale of intoxi cating liquors, &c., how punished. House bills were passed: To amend and re-enact an act ap

proved March 4, 1894, entitled an act to provide for State banks of circula-To incorporate the Union Brothers, a colored organization, with power to To amend an act regulating the trans

portation of bodies dead of contagious

or infectious diseases. The House committee on roads re ported favorably the bill to provide for the separate accommodation of white and colored passengers in the sitting, sleeping and eating departments o steamboats plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, and to provide certain police powers for the captains, pursers and other officern command, to enforce such regula-

tions and to prevent and suppress disorderly conduct on sailboats. The Senate committee on general laws reported favorably bills allowing fourth-class postmasters to act as nota ries public and justices of the peace, and prohibiting the enticing of servants

from employers.

The Senate finance committee re ported favorably the bill amending section 637 of the code in relation to advertising and sale of delinquent taxes by treasurers.

The House committee on general laws reported favorably the bill to amend an act in relation to killing trees near highways, injuring bridges, obstructing roads, and riding or driving animals or vehicles on sidewalks, &c how punished, approved March 3rd,

# THE GRIDIRON CLUB.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Gridiron Club was given at the Arlington Hotel in Washington on Saturday night. H. L. West, the new president, occupied the head of the table, which was made in the shape of a gridiron, and around which were gathered 200

guests and the members of the club. As usual, the unique features and dar ing burlesquers, together with the goodnatured ekits aimed at prominent guests, formed the principal part of the entertainment. These were interspersed with songs by the quartet, solos and witty speeches, all making a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The menu was an exquisite affair,

being a little volume bound in leather, each page having the name of a mem ber, together with his vignette set in a reduced front page of the paper he represent. It was designed as a souvenir of the fifteenth annual dinner. The initiation of two members was made the text for a burlesque on imperialism. The club "expanded for the new members, raised the presi-dent to the rank of emperor, and "crowned" him. Reports from colonial governors and vassal states and the conferring of titles was rudely inter-rupted by "Uncle Sam," who seized the rupted by "Uncle Sam," who seized the "crown" and drove the decorated "offi-

cials" from the room.

A minstrel show with really new jokes amused the guests, several songs written for the occasion were given, a verse being allotted to Mr. Bryan, with mented for Senator Frye, because, as mented for Senator Frye, because, as mented for Senator Frye, because, as another the National City Bank president of the Senate, he had to listen to Senators instead of enjoying his favorite fishing sport.

The speeches were especially good, Senator Depew and the Chinese minite-ter being at their best, while the re-marks of Messrs. Frye, Bryan, Gorman, Chandler, Tillman, Hanna and Beveridge were of the usual high order.

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The speakers were placed upon their taxes as if the paper title had actually mettle by the happy introductions of Mr. West, who presided throughout the dinner with dignity and ability.

## FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 29

SENATE. The Senate ordered printed and re ferred to the committee on finance the reply of Secretary Gage to the resolu-

tion of Mr. Allen. Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, presented a memorial from the National Associa tion of Trainmen in favor of laws to give railroad men more rest on Sunday. Referred to the interstate commerce committee.

Mr. Mason rising to a question of

privilege asked to have read an editor ial from the New York Times in which he was severely criticised for his reso lution regarding the Boer war. He said the people of England were friends of the United States, but the officials and the government were enemies of ours, and they were brutally trying to crush the South African Republic. The Kings, he added, had formed a com-bine. He alluded to English diplomates as "cattle." Mason said there should be a friendly intervention to stop the bloody war in Atrica. He complained that the treaty of arbitration should be

reported.
Mr. Davis stated that the treaty had

been reported. Mr. Mason said it ought to be called up. He then declared he proposed sooner or later to get a vote on his Boer resolution. He was tired of wait ing and if the committee did not set be would move to discharge the commit-

ee from further considers ion. Mr. Pettigrew offered a resolution requesting the President for information elative to the Samoan treaty. It went

over until tomorrow.

Mr. Allison laid before the Senate s esolution that Charles G. Bennett, o. New York, be declared Secretary be Senate, also a resolution that D. M. Ransdell, of Indiana, be declared the Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, The resolutions were adopted. The new fficials will assume their duties Febru-

Mr. Mason having referred to news paper interview with the English con ul at New Orleans in which that official is reported to have attacked the Senate and the American people in general, Mr. Hoar suggested that the foreign relations committee should look into the matter. Mr. Hoar thought the American people and the British had s warm attachment for each other.

Replying Mr. Mason took exception

to the remarks of Mr. Hoar. He created much merriment by saying he did not agree with Senators who thought the British was such a lovely, humane 'pussy-cat" government.
Mr. Pettigrew's resolution reciting

that food products are not contrabance of war was called up. Mr. Davis moved its reference to the foreign relation committee. Mr. Pettigrew spoke on it, insisting that an early report should be made, and complained that Ameri-

can flour had been seized.

The Pettigrew's resolution was referred to the foreign relations commi-

The Secretary of State today sent to the Senate copies of correspondence relative to the complaints of the German government against the existing customs regulations of the United State applicable to merchandise imported

om Germany,
Mr. Quarles introduced a bill to prevent the desceration of the American

Mr. Clark introduced a resolution withdrawing certain lands on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, from the public do

The conference report on the censubill was agreed to after which Mr. Till man was recognized for a speech on the Philippine question. He said there were few corrupt men in Congress, but weak ones were in a large majority; and when it was first proposed to annex the islands a majority in both Houses were opposed to it. ley made a western tour and then be put the pressure upon Congress and Congressmen surren lered the indepen lence of thought and action and lines up for the ratification of the treaty. Mr. Tillman placed all the blood which pinos upon the head of the President charging that he obtained permission for carrying on the devastating conflic through the cowardice, venality, or weakness of mee in this chamber. He further said: "In the name of Wash ington, of Jefferson, and of Lincoln, I protest against the wrongs done and intended to be do e to the Filipinos."

Mr. Dalzell from the committee on rules, reported the Sulzer resolution asking for the appointment of a special committee of nine members of the House to make a thorough investig tion into the dealings between the Secretary of he Treasury and the National City Bank, Hanover National Bank of New York or any other national bank and the sale of the New York Custom House The report suggested the resolution should be referred to the ways and

means committee. Mr. Richardson, democratic leader, said there ought to be an investigation necause it had been shown that the Nas title to the New York Custom House and yet Secretary Gage had sent a communication to Congress asking for money with which to pay rent for the to which had never passed out of the hands of the government. There must pe some reason for it and ne (Richardson) believed it was to save that bank from having to pay to the city or State He protested that the Secretary of the Freasury should not enter into partner hip with a private banking institution

or any such purpose.

Mr. Sulzer said the investigation was lemanded by the whole country. The secretary's action in connection with the sale of the Custom House property was infamous. It showed that ne had been used by the Standard Ol Frust and its band to manipulate the

conduct was scandalous and outrageous

and he should be impeached, Mr. Hopkins said Mr. Richardson had no right to make the false charges he had made this morning without any evidence upon which to base them. The city of New York had the same

Siz doesn't indicate quality. Beware o counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin disease.

This bank had been selected as a government depository by a democratic administration because of its financial standing and Secretary Gage had simply continued that arrangement. Absolutely no wrong had been done.

Mr. Hill denounced the attacks made upon Secretary Gage as being purely demagogic. He had to make the sale of this property as he did because of the

Mr. Richardson's statement that New York would lose any taxes through the transaction as without foundation. His disreputable charge that the secretary acted with frandulent intent therefore fell to the ground.

Mr. Richardson wanted to know why

all the purchase money was not paid.

Mr. Dalzell said that the charges made in the Sulzer resolution had al-

ready been replied to by Secretary Gage in a communication sent to the ways and means committee and therefore the question of the appointment of an investigation should be sent to that same committee. This action was accordingly ordered by the House with-

out further debate.

The House then adopted a bill for the erection of a military hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after reducing the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

Also a bill requiring all officers of steam yessels to make oath under penalty as to the truth of statements made in their application for licenses. The bill to reorganize the weather

bureau was then taken up in committee of the whole, Mr. Moody in the chair.

## **CO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS** The Disaster at Spion Kop.

London, Jan. 29.-Buller's report of the disaster at Spion kop contains not one cheering note. He frankly admits that he found the Boer right flank impervious, and considered it discreet to retire to the south side of the Tugela. It is probable that he will lose his command and that either Lord Roberts or General Kichener will be chosen to succeed him. A third attempt to re-lieve Lady-mith must, however, be de-

layed for some time to permit of a reorganization of the forces and for the drawing up of a new plan of campaign. There is a strong feeling everywhere hat the division of the forces in South Africa has been a tremendous blunder, and that a concentration should be effeeted at once. Naturally there is jubia ion at the capitals of all the powers in Europe and the rumors of intervention are growing more persis ent. Some of the newspapers believe that steps to this end have already been taken and call for the mobilization of England's fleet to check it. This is the situation today on the eve of the opening of Parliament. Already the opposition is preparing a motion to censure the government, because of its unprepared ness in carrying on the war. The Queen's speech to Parliament tomor-row will virtually consist of one para-

Domestic topics will be practically ig London, Jan. 29 .- A dispatch from Spearman's Camp contains the first news from British sources confirming the Boer reports that the British in the first trenches on Spion kop surrendered. The telegram says: "The ammunition of some of the British troops in the advanced trenches on Spion kop became exhausted and the Boers, ob-serving this, charged the treuches and captured some of our men. Other British troops, however, recovered the

trenches.' London, Jan. 29 -Nothing wa seived from General Buller today ex cept an additional casualty list of the losses on January 24. Today's list, added to that of Friday's, makes the total losses in two regiments alonethe Second Cameronians and the Kings Royal Rifles-56 killed, 272 wounded and 33 missing, From Boer sources the British losses are placed at over 2000. Taking the Boer estimate as correct, it makes the total British cas nalties since the battle at Glencoe a over 10,000 men in killed, wounded

and prisoners. London, Jan. 29 .- An official dispatch from Pietermanitzburg dated January 28 says that Ladysmith reports 1 killed and 15 dead from fever, etc. Spear man's Camp reports Major Massey of the Royal Engineers killed and Lieut. Falcon of the same body wounded.

A report is current this afternoon that Lord Dundonald's irregular mounted force is safe with Warren on the south bank of the Tugels. Official confirmation of the report is lacking. London, Jan. 29.—Hope of the speedy relief of Ladysmith has been abandoned. The afternoon newspapers are drawing atten-tion to the coreness of the parallel between the federal attack on General Lee at Fred-

ericksburg and the Operations on the upper New York, Jan. 29.—A special cablegram from London says: It is learned from a reliable source that Field Marshal Lord Roberts

## has advised the shandonment of Ladysmith.

New York, Jan. 29 .- Heywood, Bros.' chair factory, an eight story building at Jefferson & Water streets, was gutted by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000 insured. A high gale prevailed and several times carried the flames across the street to Drake Bros.' tional City Bank had never completed bonded warehouse, where \$3,000,000 worth of property was stored. The efforts of the firemen were concentrated to save this property and they succeed ed, Drake Bros,' loss being small. One occupation of that property, the title hundred workmen in the Heywood factory had just gone to work at 7 o'clock when the fire was discovered The flames spread rapidly and the workmen had a close shave in getting out with their lives. Snipping near the of New York \$50,000 or \$75,000 of taxes, scene of the fire was towed away to

places of safety.
Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Six students of Cornell university were seriously burned in a fire which occurred early this morning. The fire broke out in a chapter house and spread to a boarding house filled with students. Both buildings were nearly consumed. It was only by great efforts on the part of the Ithaca fire department, seconded by college men, that the flames were stock market in their interests. His stubdaed without greater lose. Fifteen law students parrowly escaping being burned to death, only saving themselves by jumping from the third story wicdows in the r night robes.

Peekskill, N. Y. Jan. 29.—The Depew Opera Louise which was built ame five cars ago by Senator Chauncy M. this morning. The origin of the fire is not known.

J I. Bavry, Logantown, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my eath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Care after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whosping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, grippe and threat and lung troubles. Children all like is. Mothers endorse is.

A Triple Murder.

C.ncionati, Jan. 29. - Charles Bartuil is locked up at the police station charged with the murder of his wife, a five-year-old son, and a daughter, three months old. The tragedy happened Saturday night, behind locked doors, and had no witnesses. When the police broke into the room the murderer stoom in the centre of the floor while near his lay the bodies of his victims. The mur derer had evidently contemplated sui-c de and was bleeding from a wound in his head, inflicted with a glass jer which had served to slay the wife. The prisoner says be was attacked with one of his "spe ls" because his wife slapped him in the face. After that he remembered nothing, except that "everything went round and round

## Foreign News.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—Seven persons were killed here today by jumping from the upper story of a burning

house. Bussels, Jan. 29—The government has decided to replace the Krupp ordunace in the Belgian army with Nordenfeldt and Corkerill guns, as it believes the South African war has demonstrated that Krupps are not

sufficiently medera
Pekin, Jan 29. - It is semi-officially stated that the abdication of the emperor is every-where accepted and that the outlock in China is most peaceful.

## Overdue Steamships.

New York, Jan. 29 .- The Allan line steamer State of Nebraska has not yet been sighted here and the fears for her safety are growing. None of the ves els which arrived in port today saw anything of the steamer, though several of hem traversed the route she should have taken. The State of Nebreska left Movide, Ireland, for New York on January 11. Ordinarily she makes the trip in 11 days and she is therefore nearly seven days overdue. The Ne braska carried 20 cabin and 30 steerage passengers a crew of about 90 men. The Ethiopis, of the Anchor Line, is also a week overdue. Marine men think ste may have fallen in with the Nebraska and may be siding her. Incoming vesels report furious weather on the At lantic.

### The Work of Vandals. New York, Jan. 29.-The heads and arms

of two of the mermaids in the Heine monu-ment, at Mott avenue and 161st street, were broken off this morning by unknown persons. The monument was the subject of aermon-ious discussion several years ago when pre-sented to the city. A committee of arisets pronounced it inattistic and the city for a time hesitated to accept it. The denors at one time threatoned to withdraw the gift with the intention of presenting it to be city. of two of the mermaids in the Heine me with the intention of presenting it to the city of Baltimore.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The market closed as follows: Whest May 65%; July — Corn.—May 33%, Pork.—May \$10 85a10 77. Georgetown. Jan. 29.—Wheat 65a72.

ROMANTIC MARRIAGE .-- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page announce the marriage of their daughter, Minna Field, to Mr. Preston Gibson, Saurday, January 27, 1900. Miss Minns graph and that will relate to the war. Field, or rather Mrs. Preston Gibson, as she must now be called, was until Saturday a pupil at a fashionable school at Dobb's Ferry, where her only sister and co-heiress to the Field millions was also receiving the finishing touches of a polite education. Preston Gibson until the same day was a junior at Princeton. They met in New York on Saturday afternoon and a telegram sent to the bride's mother yesterday morning an-nounced their marriage. This piece of information caused some astonishment in the bride's household, coming, as it did, unexpectedly. The bride eldest daughter of Mrs. Page by her former husband, the brother and part ner of the dry goods merchant of Cal-cago. Mrs. Gibson is just seventeen. She is a pretty and petite brunette. Mr. Gibson is not quite twenty-one years old and is the youngest son of the late United States Senator from Louislans.

He inherited an ample fortune from his mother.

The bride is the great granddaughter of the late Daniel Eryan, postmacter a.

ATE WHOLE SHIP'S CREW -A patch from Victoria, B. C., says: The cruise of the schooner Nakamarra ended at one of the Admiralty Islands, where the captain and crew were attacked by

the combal natives and enten.

The Nakamarra left New Britain early in October to trade with the other islands. Captain Balthe was engaged in trading when his treacherous custom ers set upon him killed him, the many and six sailors. They were all cut and backed with knives and tomahaws.

The fate of the vessel was learned when E. E. Forsythe, owner of the schooner, went to the island later in al-

other boat with two companions, Bu-

lock and Doudney, who started to go ashore and were set upon by the tatives. The party barely managed to reach their boats and get away. WOMEN DUELERS IN FRANCE.-TWO women, both belouging in good society. fought a duci Friday at Marselle-One was Greek and the other French. One newspaper giving an account of the affair says that both married h same man, both loving him, and beat er was willing to denounce him for prosecution. After firing each five times the French woman was wounded slightly in the leg. The same paper

### last ten years. Three were we l-known actresses. It Saved His Leg.

says that women duels are more com

mon than is generally suppo ed, and

names several who are known to have

fought sword or pistol duels within the

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ge. suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds. Burne, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the ber Salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Ooly 25c. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Druggists.

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